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Notes by the Way.

[To the Editor of the Interior Journal.]

Mr. PLEASANT, HARLAN Co., May 26. - I sent you a letter from Barboursville, the county seat of Knox, a neat, business like town of five or six hundred inhabitants. Whilst there I made inquiry of a man who was my art teacher when I was a half-grown boy, who was soon licensed to preach and made a supply to the church at that place. I could learn nothing of him. His name was Travis. That name and the name of the town had been so long associated in my mind that it was with sadness I found the one and failed to find the other. How the boyhood memories cling to us! How I would like to know what has become of my gifted, strange friend! Before leaving Barboursville I met Rev. Hanks, Lawyer Black and Mr. T. J. Pittier. From that town to this, a distance of 49 miles, the road runs with the river. Work on the railroad was being done all the way to Pineville, distant sixteen miles. I saw some convicts at work. They wore the stripes, the brands of wrong doing, and in their toil they were silently preaching, "the way of the transgressor is hard." The sight was almost enough to move the stoutest heart to pity. The valley of the Cumberland is a very fertile district. The timber is of better variety and quality, and much of it is being put into the market. Flat Lick, a little town of about an hundred inhabitants, is midway between Barboursville and Pineville. I spent Tuesday night near the latter place at Mr. James Gibson's. The family are relatives of Miss Mary McAfee and gave me kindest entertainment. I found much better roads between that place and this. The extension of the railroad from Pineville has not been located. It may come to this place. It will be a mighty agency in the material development of this county, also in the education and elevation of the people. From London to this place, 73 miles, excepting two in Barboursville, I noticed but two or three churches, and some of them I supposed to be churches on account of their being in grave yards. School houses are not much numerous. I learn that in this county, Harlan, there is not a church house belonging to any religious denomination.

There are a few houses used for churches which belong to individuals and communities, and some school-houses are so used. Where this state of things exists we may naturally expect to hear of lawlessness and bloodshed. I am informed that at the present time there are ten or twelve indictments for murder in this county. I omitted to say that traveling here has one charm, and that is the 'charm of adventure.' Not to extend these notes unduly, let me say that there are some beautiful prospects along the Cumberland, views that entrance and invoke the poetic muse. In traveling 70 miles I have not noticed a wheat field. The citizens here pay \$1.50 per hundred for flour. I have seen two or three rye fields and a few oat fields. Some of the corn is several inches high and in many places the planting has not been done. The corn crop here last season was almost a failure. It was consumed early in the winter and corn is being hauled now from Virginia and Tennessee and distant counties in this State, and is selling at \$1.50 per bushel and I understand that enough can not be had at that price to supply the demand. I am told that hundreds of cattle died of starvation in this section this spring. I note in this connection that oxen are used almost exclusively for heavy draughts and for other purposes about as many mules as horses. To conclude; I arrived in this little town yesterday afternoon. It has rather an elegant new brick court-house and there are signs of improvement. Rev. W. M. Fitzwater made me feel at home and at night I addressed an audience in the town hall and organized the Harlan County Sunday-School Union, which promises to do a good work. So mote it be.

Yours,
F. S. POLLITT.

P. S. This morning, with the assistance of a few brethren, I raised \$33.50 to be used in this county, Harlan, for Sunday-school work. More will be added.

—At the General Assembly of the United-Prebyterian church, held in Philadelphia, the old contest over the use of organs in churches was decided in favor of organs by a vote of 129 to 59. The Assembly voted down an amendment to a resolution urging the sessions of the Churches to use in the observance of the Lord's supper only the purest wines obtainable. The original resolution, that the action of the General Assembly of 1884 in recommending the sessions of the churches to provide unfettered wine for communion, be reaffirmed, was adopted.

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